

# DADDY'S EVENING FAIRY TALE

By Mary Graham Donner

## SAVING A TAIL.

Nancy had been a little bit worried over Sir Benjamin Bacon's right eye, which had looked at her in such a funny way the day before.

"I'm sure that pig thought I was up to something," she said to herself. And that evening she spoke to her aunt, the mother of Jack and Marian. "I don't believe that pig thought we wanted to give him a party at all, though the other pigs may have thought so. But he acted as though we were just doing it to appear fine and as though he didn't think we were at all."

"Oh," laughed Marian's mother, and Jack's mother, too, for that matter, "I imagine the pigs were glad to have a party and didn't stop to think why you gave it to them!"

Now, Nick was in Jack's class in school during the few days of the children's visit, and Nancy was in Marian's.

It was after school the following day that Marian said she had something quite special to do at home, and she wished Nancy wouldn't bother to hurry back but would stay and play with the other girls.

She behaved so queerly about it that Nancy couldn't imagine what was the trouble. "Can't I come along, too?" she asked, but Marian said:

"I'd feel much better if you played with the others."

Nancy rushed up to Nick as soon as he came out of school.

"Oh, Nick," she said, "something is the matter with Marian. She behaves so queerly. She said she wanted to have me play with the other girls, for she had something special to do at home. She really wouldn't let me go home with her. I would have been mad only she was just too queer for anything. I don't understand."

"Jack was the same way, Nancy; let's go back, anyway and see what is up."

They hurried down a street, running most of the way and then turned down another and ran almost all of five more blocks to reach their cousins' home.

Nick went half-way down the hall when he bumped straight into Jack coming up from the cellar stairs. He was holding in his arms the little fox terrier Marian had just bought a week before with her birthday money. The dog was only a tiny puppy still, a lovely little soft white puppy with one brown ear and one black one and two black spots on his soft white back.

"Oh, did Buster get hurt?" Nick shouted. Buster, of course, was the small, gay, naughty, happy puppy.

"No, he didn't," said Jack. "And it's none of your business, anyway. You're visitors even if you are our cousins. And we'd planned about this long before you came."

"That's so," said Marian, who came up behind Jack. "If we want to have Buster's tail cut, it's no one's business but our own. It was just like you two to find out somehow."

"Going to have his tail cut?" gasped Nancy, and burst into tears.

"Yes, fox terriers look absurd with long tails," said Jack; "everyone says so. And, besides, he'll be all well in a week, quite well."

"And for the sake of a little style," said Nick, his teeth clenched tightly

together, "you'd let that dog suffer for a whole week. I just wish I could cut off a part of your arm, that's what I do."

"The bones are soft," murmured Marian. "He'd look foolish with a tail, so everyone says."

"What do you care what everyone says?" screamed Nick; "you are two horrid, cruel children, and if you don't let that poor puppy, who has never done you any harm, and who is at your mercy, alone, we'll never be your visitors any more, and you'll never be friends of ours. We mean it, too."

And they did mean it, for they didn't care what anyone thought of them as long as they saved the puppy from being hurt.

But after Nick and Nancy had told Jack and Marian of the suffering it would mean for Buster, of course they didn't do such a cruel thing. They weren't really cruel, only they didn't know that such a thing hurt dreadfully. They had never been told the real truth, and they were glad they had heard it in time!

### Fear of Mistakes.

Do not let the fear of making mistakes tie your hands. Of course we will make mistakes. No matter how excellent our purposes, it is inevitable that we should blunder. But every misstep should help to show us where the right path lies. Every mistake should teach its lesson. And as long as our mistakes are growing less frequent and are not repeated, we should feel encouraged.—Girls' Companion.

### Great Faith in Prayer.

Little Edward, like other small boys, wanted a bicycle, and, having great faith in the efficacy of prayer, he had prayed the Lord to send him one. His parents, thinking him too young for a bicycle, bought him a tricycle, and then waited with expectancy to see what he would say when he discovered that his prayer had been answered. As his eyes lighted on it he threw up his hands in disgust and cried:

"Oh, Lord, don't you know the difference between a bicycle and a tricycle?"

### Can Absorb Much Poison.

Dogs and horses can take 10 times as much morphine in comparison to their body weight as man can. The pigeon can take 500 times as much, while a frog is unhurt by a dose a thousand times greater, weight for weight, than one which will kill a human being.

### Got Him Guessing.

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## WHY Tradition Has Hallowed the Church of St. Giles

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St. Giles has served as a background for much history and romance. In time of Civil war it has been turned into a well-armed fort, and in time of so-called peace it has been plundered and burned. Its many alcoves have at times been parceled out for distinctly worldly purposes, such as a jail, town clerk's office, school and court, while the nave and altar were reserved for the minister and his congregation.

Of St. Giles stories, none is more popular than the dramatic adventure of Jenny Geddes and the three-legged stool. A certain king ordered the service of the Church of England read in St. Giles which was a stronghold of the Scotch Presbyterian faith. The dean of St. Giles started bravely to conduct the service amid harmless but disturbing protests and growls from his hearers. But Jenny Geddes, an old vegetable vender, soon saw that the dean was unimpressed by mere words. She seized the three-legged stool on which she had sat and hurled it with deadly aim. The dean ducked and fled, and the Church of England service was never attempted in St. Giles again.

### Why Reform Is Slow in China.

One will sometimes see groups of Chinese women comparing their feet to see who can boast of having the largest. This is particularly true of native women who have become Christians or who have been educated in the Christian schools. They feel a new independence—an independence of body as well as of mind and soul and are proud that the old bodily shackles of maimed feet is gone.

The reform, however, in spite of the fact that China has a law prohibiting the binding of girls' feet, has not reached further than the cities and the higher classes. It has been calculated by the former Peking correspondent of the London Times, after a long journey through the interior of China, that 95 per cent of the women still have mutilated feet. China's numbers are so immense that it will require a long period to leaven the whole lump.

### How Hand Reveals Character.

The human hand, like the eyes, has a language of its own and can be made an interesting study. The lines in the palm deal solely with palmistry, but there is still another method of character reading found in the shape of the hand, and in this instance thought may be centered at first upon the fingers.

Long fingers denote perseverance and ambition, while extremely short ones indicate the habits of laziness and indifference. Those coming under the head of medium in length lay claim to vanity. The type thick at the base of the hand and which tapers to a narrow point at the finger tip usually belongs to a selfish and unforgiving individual, contrary to the person possessing flat finger tips, wherein a stubborn nature and strong will is constituted.

### Why Bright Colors Are Popular.

There is a craze for sunshine colors in house furnishing and decoration now. The drab years have passed, says the continental edition of the London Mail, and with them have gone the taste for grays and fawns. Rooms now glow with happier tints. A firm which guides or interprets much of the most beautiful and a good deal of the most extravagant schemes of interior decoration has been lighting up the walls and windows, the carpets and the chaises of town and country mansions with blues, purples and oranges, jades, greens and "flame," the last perhaps the newest color for faded rooms.

### Why More Railroads Are Needed.

Despite a border line of some 300 kilometers between France and Italy the frontier is crossed by but two railroads, at Dodane and at Vintimille. Yet on both sides of the frontier are situated rich regions whose industrial activity could be augmented by proper railroad facilities. It is now planned by chambers of commerce representing both countries to remedy this defect. Various projects have been advanced and a certain number of them will shortly be put into execution.—Christian Science Monitor.

### Why There Are Noxious Perfumes.

Wild things would disappear if we fixed the perfumes of the vegetation to suit our own desires. The things we call noxious are quite as important in the world as the things we have learned to love and enjoy. Something, somewhere, is attracted or repelled by every odor that we encounter out of doors, and the old world wobbles on in bliss because it is so well arranged for the creatures that inhabit it.—George F. Burba in Columbus Dispatch.

### How Lamps Came Into Use.

The inventor of the lamp as we know it at the present time, with the wick fitting into a cylinder and an upward air current supplying oxygen, is said to have been Alme Argand, a Swiss, born in 1755, but the use of lamps did not become common for years thereafter.

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR PUTNAM COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA—INCHANCERY.

The American Agricultural Chemical Company, a corporation, Complainant,

vs. H. L. Chase, and Julia G. Chase, his wife, et al., Defendants.

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE. ORDER FOR PUBLICATION.

It appearing by affidavit appended to the Amended Bill of Complaint filed in the above stated cause, that Eureka Mower Company, a Corporation, Bank of Commerce, a Banking Corporation under the laws of the State of Wisconsin, and Field Force Pump Company, a Corporation under the laws of the State of New York, three of the defendants therein named, are non-residents of the State of Florida, and foreign corporations, and reside and have their principal place of business, respectively, Eureka Mower Company, at Utica, State of New York, and Bank of Commerce, in the City of Superior, State of Wisconsin, and Field Force Pump Company, in the City of Elmira, State of New York; and that there is no person in the State of Florida upon whom the service of subpoena would bind such defendants, or either of them.

It is therefore ordered, that said non-resident defendants be, and they are each hereby, required to appear to the Amended Bill of Complaint filed in said cause on or before Monday, the 5th day of January, A. D. 1920, otherwise the allegations of said Bill will be taken as confessed by said defendants.

It is further ordered that this order be published once a week for four consecutive weeks in the Palatka Daily News, a newspaper published in the County of Putnam, and State of Florida.

Witness my hand and official seal this 5th day of December, A. D. 1919. (COURT SEAL)

R. J. HANCOCK, Clerk Circuit Court, By W. A. Williams, Jr., Deputy Clerk.

J. V. Walton, Solicitor for Complainant. 12-5-12-19-20

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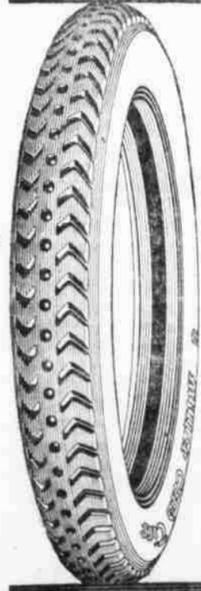
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